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The Sale of Mineral Lands.

Our courteous friend of the *Sonora Herald*, takes us to task for asserting that the miners generally, throughout the mountains, were opposed to the plan suggested by President Fillmore for selling the mineral lands of the State, "to the highest bidder." Our remarks were founded upon what we supposed to be the feelings of the mining population, and in connection with them we published an extract from a letter from a friend in the region of the very office of the *Herald*, a gentleman who is a practical miner, who has wintered and summered with them, and who denounced the scheme as one fraught with manifold evils. His position naturally led us to suppose he was familiar with the feelings of those who are, like himself, "pining" the dirt, and "rocking the cradle," in search of the hidden treasures of the earth. He gave it as his opinion that any attempt to put into practical operation the plan proposed, would lead to confusion and bloodshed; and if the editor of the *Herald* cannot agree with him, it only shows a difference of opinion perfectly natural—the one expressed by a practical miner in his mountain home; the other by an editor in his sanctum.

The *Herald* finds fault with us, also, because we asserted that President Fillmore proposed to sell the lands "to the highest bidder." He may not have used these words, but if the lands be sold at auction, the effect is just the same. "The highest bidder" must of course be the fortunate possessor, if they be put in the market at auction, unless the "certain restrictions" suggested by the President, reverse the order of trade, and sell to the lowest; a proposition quite as likely of accomplishment as the bodily transfer of the Sierra Nevada to the President's pleasure grounds surrounding the White House at Washington.

We are free to admit there are some arguments advanced in favor of the plan of President Fillmore, which are not without weight, and well worthy of consideration. Thus far, however, the rules and regulations adopted by the miners themselves, have been found to work satisfactorily; and to our view the only action necessary in the premises, is to pass such laws as shall conform to these rules, with such "restrictions" for revenue as shall be deemed prudent, and not oppressive to the hardy miners, upon whose labors so much of the wealth, business and prosperity of the State depends. The miners themselves are quite as good judges of what they want, as those who are sitting at their ease thousands of miles distant, possessing no sympathy with the cabin mountainers, and knowing nothing of their condition and wants. Such laws as have been enacted for other States, where the public lands have been sold, will hardly answer for the mineral lands of California, without material modification and amendment.

It is not probable that anything positive was done during the session of Congress just closed, in regard to the proposition of the President, nor any other, and before the assembling of another Congress, the question should be freely canvassed throughout the State, especially in the mining region, and such action had as will secure the rights of all. If the plan of the President be the most feasible, "amen" say we to its enactment; but we wish to see the mining population consulted, their interests protected, and have them receive the benefits of any legislation upon the subject, rather than the speculator and land-jobber, who stand ready to take advantage of every law which shall enable them to "put money in their purse."

COMPROMISING THE PUNISHMENT.—A day or two since a rascal stole a mule, and offered it for sale at a livery stable. While doing so, the owner walked up and claimed it, and the thief was arrested. By the time the examination was to take place, the owner of the mule had left for Trinidad, and the fellow was likely to escape merited punishment. In order to forcibly impress the matter on his mind, however, one or two persons proposed to compromise the punishment which he probably would have got, and consequently took him into a stable in Washington street, and stripping him naked, tied his hands above his head, applied a horsewhip to his back until he cried most lustily to be released. Lynch law is bad, generally, but such punishments as this have a good effect, with little of evil. If caught at such tricks again, hanging by the neck, instead of the hands, would put an end to his operations.

DEPARTURE OF THE CALIFORNIA.—The mail steamer California, left this port last evening, about five o'clock, for Panama, with 275 passengers, and \$1,210,000 in gold dust, on freight.

Of the above amount, Adams & Co. send \$240,000; Dodge & Co., \$75,000; and Garrett, \$32,000.

Among the passengers we notice Col. Corlize and son, Capt. Bartol, and several others of our prominent citizens, who are returning to the States for the purpose of bringing out their families, and taking up their permanent residence here.

We learn that letters were received by the last mail, from Hon. Isaac Holmes, late member of Congress from South Carolina, that he is making preparations to come to California, with a view to engaging in the profession of the law in this city.

Our Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 26, 1850.

Editors of the Pacific News:

Mr. HALL, Commissioner of Public Buildings, expects to leave for San Francisco in the steamer of 11th February. He is an active and industrious man, and will press the business forward with great energy. He is determined to have all the materials procured, and all the work done in California, so far as the same shall be practicable.

The nomination of Mr. CURRY, as Judge of the Northern District of California, was not approved by the Senate. He was rejected yesterday, by an overwhelming vote.

The administration have acted with little discretion in this matter, from the beginning. The nomination was procured in the first place by the solicitation of certain New York friends of the nominee; and without a solitary recommendation from California. The President, I understand, was promptly notified that the nomination could not survive the ordeal of the Senate, and was respectfully advised to withdraw it. Mr. CURRY's friends took the subject under advisement, and asked time for consultation with Mr. C.'s friends in New York. Action having been postponed for that purpose, they flooded the Senate in the interval with letters from that State, in his favor. They resorted to every kind of electioneering, but without obtaining a single pledge. No one doubted Mr. C.'s integrity, but few, if any, were satisfied on the score of his qualifications and experience for so responsible a station. When it was ascertained that, in all probability, his nomination would be rejected, his friends refused to withdraw it; and if he be injured by the rejection, he must lay the odium at the door of his indiscreet friends; for enemies he had none, in or out of the Senate, so far as I am able to learn.

The administration has been delinquent in its duty in regard to these Judgeships. Congress made a great mistake when they fixed their salaries at so low a standard. The President nominated two able men last session; but every body knew that neither of them would accept. He might nominate able men now also. Many unexceptionable candidates have applications on file, especially for the northern district, but all have been overlooked, and a man unknown to the Senate and the country has been selected by the administration for the momentary duty of administering the law.

Both Judgeships were kept open, it is believed, for the purpose of forcing Congress to increase the salaries, thus affording comfortable berths for certain favorites. Congress, however, would not be compelled. There is no doubt, indeed, that Congress will eventually raise the salaries of these offices, provided a suitable man be nominated for the Northern District. In the meantime California is suffering for want of U. S. Courts, though these tribunals have been provided by law for months past. It is not known whom the President will now nominate as Judge of the Northern District, but any second rate man will, you may rest assured, be rejected by the Senate. Judge PARSONS' name will, I understand, be laid before the President to-morrow.

The mail just arrived has brought letters inducing the Delegate to believe that Judge PARSONS might accept the appointment. No other member of the Bar in California of the Whig party, is known to be willing to yield to the general wish. The Delegation, under these circumstances, are disposed to take the responsibility of recommending Judge P. to the favorable consideration of the President. I do not say that they will nominate him to the Executive but they will inform him that it is believed Judge P. will accept the office, and then let the President act as he may see fit without further intrusion.

No nomination for District Attorney, in place of Judge JONES has yet been sent in.

Meeting of the Bar.

At a meeting of the Bar of San Francisco, held on Tuesday evening, March 4th, to consider the attack made by a portion of the Press of this city, upon the Judge of this district, in connection with his charge to the Grand Jury, at the present term of the District Court; and to vindicate the supremacy of the constitution and laws of our country. The following proceedings were had:

The meeting was called to order by G. K. PLATT, District Attorney.

On motion, Judge McLENNAN was appointed to the Chair, and Mr. HOFFMAN, Secretary.

The meeting was addressed by Messrs. M. H. McALLISTER, PLATT, and L. D. BROWN.

It was then resolved, That a committee of eight be appointed by the Chair, to prepare a report and resolutions, to be submitted to a meeting of the Bar, on Thursday evening next, March 6.

The following gentlemen were named such committee: Messrs. P. A. Morse, G. Yale, Halleck, Chetwood, Ed. Norton, Platt, Monroe, Alex. Campbell.

The Chairman was added to the Committee.

The proceedings were ordered published, and this meeting adjourned, to meet in the District Court Room, on Thursday evening next at 7 1/2 o'clock.

The members of the Bar are requested to meet pursuant to the above adjournment to hear the report of the committee.

CORRECTION.—Last Tuesday morning, we published, under the head of Recorder's Court, the names of Wm. Summerhays and H. S. Edwards, as having been arraigned before the Recorder for riotous and disorderly conduct, and upon investigation discharged. We are assured by one of the gentlemen that the arrest was falsely made, without any cause or provocation, and that the officers making the arrest will be brought to trial before the Mayor for exercising undue authority.

We understand that the persons arrested are of the highest respectability, now employed in the Custom House, and that an action will be brought before the proper tribunal for damages sustained by a false imprisonment.

APPOINTMENT.—GEORGE I. WALLACE, Esq., has been appointed Clerk of the Superior Court, vice Edward Jones, removed. Mr. JONES has been absent on a visit to the States for some months, and having never reported himself to the Court, the office was declared vacant.

Record of the City Courts.

TUESDAY, March 4.

SUPREME COURT.—Hon. J. A. Lyons and N. Bennett, Associate Justices.

Frederic A. Snyder, was this day admitted as an Attorney and Counsellor at law to practice in this court.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Hon. H. C. Murray, Chief Justice, presiding.

Peter Smith vs. The City of San Francisco and M. Alsua.—The court finds against the City, in the sum of \$45,000, with interest thereon at the rate of three per cent. per month from this date until paid, and it is ordered that judgment be entered accordingly; and that said defendant M. Alsua shall have a lien on the judgment for the amount due him from Smith.

Charles B. Young vs. Starkey, Janiou & Co. Motion for a new trial overruled.

Garrison & Fritz vs. Steamer New Orleans.—Demurrer argued and overruled.

Harrison vs. West.—Nonsuit having heretofore been granted in this case, it is ordered that the same be set aside on the payment of costs by the plaintiff.

McVoe vs. Hudson et al.—Demurrer sustained, and the plaintiff have leave to amend his complaint by striking out the name of the defendant Oliver Charlack.

Sylvester Maston vs. Wm. C. Hoff.—Judgment by default is hereby rendered against defendant.

Franklin Kinsman vs. Benjamin Haywood, Thomas G. Thurston, and Gardner K. Reed.—Ordered by the court, that the authority vested in Edward Jones as receiver, be revoked, and that he be discharged from the collection of the rents and revenues of the "California Exchange," which have accrued since the adjudication of the premises to Edward Cole, without prejudice to any liability he may have incurred on his bond.

Henry Haight vs. Thurston & Reed.—Ordered that the Sheriff place Edward Cole in the possession of the property known as the California Exchange.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—Hon. R. N. Morrison, Chief Justice, E. McGowan and H. S. Brown, Associate Justices.

People vs. John O'Neill.—For petit larceny. Defendant found not guilty.

People vs. Patrick Murphy.—For petit larceny. Ordered that case stand adjourned until to-day.

PROBATE COURT.—Hon. R. N. Morrison, presiding.

Matter of the estate of Thomas Larkin, deceased.—On reading and filing the return of Theodore Shillaber, Executor, and proof that due notice of sale was given according to law, and it appearing that the sale of lands described in the return was legally made and fairly conducted, it is ordered that the sale be confirmed, and that a conveyance be executed accordingly.

DISTRICT COURT.—Hon. Levi Parsons, presiding.

William Hogan vs. The Brig Col. Taylor.—Judgment final by default in the sum of \$1,210 00.

John V. Dellicker vs. Thomas W. Czarnecki.—Motion by defendant for three months time to get testimony from New York.

John Hall vs. The City and Denis McCarthy.—Judgment by default.

James Russell vs. Burgoyne & Plumb.—Judgment by default.

John Sharp vs. John C. Hays.—Judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$399 25.

J. Sullivan, et al. vs. A. W. Adams, et al.—Default as to Adams.

Seymour & Hastings vs. R. Bailey.—Judgment by default.

C. C. Webb vs. Grayson & Stevens.—Ordered that order be set aside.

Jacob D. Hoppe vs. M. L. Callender.—Witnesses examined and non-suit granted.

Kirchoff vs. Scherwin.—Judgment by default.

L. Domingos vs. James F. Cooley.—Judgment by default.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Hon. F. Tilford, presiding.

For a breach of the peace, John McCarthy was fined \$15; and A. Powell, discharged.

Acis, for a nuisance, was discharged.

WEDNESDAY, March 5.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Hon. H. C. Murray, Chief Justice.

William Smith vs. G. C. McMickle.—Judgment by default having been taken in this cause, it is this day moved that judgment be entered.

The promissory note upon which the action is founded, being read in evidence, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the note of the non-payment of said note at its maturity, by the maker thereof, it is ordered that final judgment be entered in the sum of \$1328.

Kinsman vs. Farrell.—Ordered that a remittitur of \$200 be made, both parties consenting.

Anna Maria Spark vs. J. J. Burke, et al.—New trial granted upon the payment of the costs by the plaintiff.

Price & Childers vs. The City of San Francisco.—Judgment by default rendered.

Kinsman vs. Haywood, et al.—Leave given to counsel to withdraw the report of the receiver from the files.

Lease, et al. vs. W. S. Clark.—Cause argued and continued.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—Hon. R. N. Morrison, presiding.

State vs. Antonio Torres.—For petit larceny. Proofs and allegations submitted, and judgment suspended until Monday next.

State vs. James Sutter.—For petit larceny. Defendant pleaded guilty, and the court sentenced him to ninety days imprisonment.

State vs. Patrick Murphy.—For petit larceny. Defendant found guilty and sentenced to ninety days imprisonment.

DISTRICT COURT.—Hon. Levi Parsons, presiding.

The Grand Jury came into open Court, and by their foreman, presented to the Court the following bills of indictment:

J. Smith, for burglary; Peppi Boreas, for an assault with an intent to murder; Miguel G. Costa, for grand larceny; George Young, for grand larceny; Joseph Windred and Thomas Burden, for robbery, same for burglary, same for an assault with an intent to kill and murder; Charles Duane, for an assault, with an intent to kill and murder—bench warrant issued, and bail may be taken in the sum of \$16,000, with four good securities.

Jonas W. Bowman vs. Lunt and Glines.—Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$1040 44.

Bird vs. De Boon, et al.—Tried before a jury and continued until to-day.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Hon. F. Tilford, presiding.

Francis Murray for the cowardly and unmanly offence of beating his wife, was fined forty dollars and held to keep the peace in the sum of two thousand dollars.

Ven Vitall, for furious riding, was fined fifty dollars.

Charles Meyer, for a nuisance, was fined ten dollars, Peter Lohman for same offence discharged.

Point Cion, for being disorderly, was fined fifteen dollars, and held to keep the peace.

BANISHED FROM THE STATE.—G. C. S. Vail, who was caught in an attempt to defraud a gentleman at Sacramento, by selling him what purported to be \$10,000, in counterfeit gold coin, and receiving therefor, \$5,000 in dust, was pardoned by the Governor on condition that he pay a fine of \$1000, and leave the State, or remain in prison one year. He chose the alternative of the fine and freedom and elsewhere, rather than the prison brig, and left in the California yesterday, for a wider field of operations in the States. We have a few such scoundrels in San Francisco, that it would be mercy to our citizens to deal with in a similar way.

THE BALL at the Exchange last evening was a magnificent affair.

News from the Sacramento Valley.

FREEMAN & Co., put us in possession of Sacramento papers at five o'clock, last evening, their express having come down by the Goliah, arriving just in time to put the latest up-river intelligence on board the California. The Goliah made the trip down in seven and a half hours.

We learn from the *Transcript*, that a rascal grabbed the purse of a miner out of his hand, in the public streets, on Tuesday, and succeeded in making his escape. The purse contained several hundred dollars. Crime walks boldly at noonday.

The *Transcript* relates the following instance of good fortune by chance:

"About a month since, Judge Russell and Col. Finch, two gentlemen residing in Placerville, went out on a 'prospecting' tour. They were on the top of one of those tall hills close to Cedar ravine, in the vicinity of the town, when Mr. Russell pointed to an oak, and said he would go to work there and dig. Mr. F. regarded it as a folly. Mr. Russell went to work, however, on the side of a hill, at an elevation of at least twenty-five feet. In the course of a day or two he struck a good lead, and averaged \$100 a day for some time. The miners, as they passed, laughed at the apparent folly of digging so high up on a hill, and jeeringly asked his success, to which he replied, about \$100 per day."

Dr. T. J. WHITE delivered a Lecture before the Mercantile Library Association of Sacramento, Tuesday evening, which is highly spoken of by the press.

The miners in the vicinity of Grass Valley are said to be doing better now than at any previous period for the past twelve months.

Several fine droves of horses have recently been brought to Sacramento. One horse sold for \$450.

PRICES OF STOCK.—The prices demanded for stock, and the sales made, are at fair rates. Mules are sold each day at from \$50 to \$100 each, and horses from \$45 to \$150. Cattle average \$80 per yoke.—Trans.

FROM SONORA.

The *Sonora Herald* of Saturday last, states that a man named JAMES HAYDEN, from Baltimore, was found dead in the streets of that place, on the previous Tuesday morning. He was stabbed in several places, by whom it is not known.

On the same night, a man attempted to rob a Mr. AUSTIN, the robber supposing Mr. A. was asleep, but found out his mistake on being grappled with, when he decamped, leaving his Spanish hat behind him.

The French residents of Sonora had a grand celebration on the 24th of February—the day that France changed her Monarchical Government to that of a Republic.

The Indian Commissioners, with their escort of U. S. Troops, were at Empire city on the 19th ult., and were to leave on the following day for "Jackson Valley," where they will encamp for a few days, to treat with the Indians.

TRAVE BILLS.—The Grand Jury yesterday returned in open court a true bill against Charles Duane for an assault with an intent to commit murder. A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of Duane, who was required to give bail, with four good securities, that are possessed of unencumbered property to the amount of \$10,000. In default of giving the required bail, he was remitted to await his trial.

True bills have also been found on three separate charges, against Stewart and Wildred, for assault on Mr. JANSEN, and the robbery of his store. A number of other indictments were endorsed as true bills by the Grand Jury, and may be found in the Record of our city courts.

ROBBERY.—Yesterday morning, during the auction sales at the rooms of Messrs. PAYNE & RAY, on Montgomery street, some thief found his way into the second story, and succeeded in breaking open a trunk and abstracting about \$150. The money was principally in gold dust, and from its peculiar quality, it may lead to the detection of the felon. From the fact that great crowds daily attend these sales, and the time of the merchants and their clerks being necessarily occupied during business hours, it affords a fine opportunity to the light-fingered gentry for the exercise of their vocation.

A SIGN.—The New York Legislature has taken the public printing from the Albany Evening Journal, free soil, Seward Whig, and given it to the State Register, the organ of the Fillmore National Whigs at Albany, and one of the ablest advocates of the Compromise measures, and of enforcing the Fugitive Slave law in the Free States.

ANOTHER STEAMER FOR THE PACIFIC.—The steamship Union arrived at Panama on the 10th ult. in 103 days from New York. It is not stated when she was to leave for this port, but will undoubtedly be up in the course of the present week. Her burthen is 600 tons, and is under command of Capt. MARKS.

CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL.—The Troy Whig having given Mr. CALEB LYON the credit of designing the Seal and Coat of Arms of California, the *Tribune* corrects the error, and says that the design was made by Major GARNETT, of the Army.

TOO MANY PARTICULARS.—The Cincinnati Commercial, records the following marvellous circumstance:

"A young lady was recently married in this city who wore a pair of magnificent garters, which were knit by an English nobleman. They were originally sent from Europe as a curiosity, and by the young lady's mother presented to her on her wedding day. Very singular!"

Why was the hero of New Orleans like the pork butchers? Because he was death on packing ham.

A Kentucky editor, strongly opposed to camp meetings, says he has no notion of "camping out on his road to heaven."

Sheridan gave the following humorous definition: "Irishman—A machine for converting potatoes into human nature."

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday, March 4.

IN SENATE.—On the motion of Mr. Heydenfeldt, the joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller to give an order on the Treasurer to the State Printer was passed.

Mr. De la Guerra submitted a resolution on the subject of the pious fund similar to the one already submitted by Mr. Warner, on this subject. It was referred to the same select Committee to whom the former was referred.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee of Conference of the two houses on the disagreeing vote on the bill to prohibit lotteries, reported another bill as a substitute, recommending its passage. The bill was read three times and passed.

Mr. Van Buren also introduced a bill to license gaming, which was read three times, referred to the Judiciary Committee and ordered to be printed.

On the motion of Mr. Van Buren, the bill concerning crimes and punishments was taken up.

After a protracted discussion on the expediency, equity and policy of capital punishment, the bill was made the special order for to-morrow.

The Senate then adjourned.

IN ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Moore, from the Judiciary committee submitted a long report in the veto message of the Governor in relation to the bills to repeal the 174th section of the act concerning corporations, and to the bill to amend an act concerning corporations, recommending that both bills be passed by a two third vote.

The report on motion of Mr. Moore was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moore, from the Judiciary committee, reported back the bill concerning the office of Public Administrator for the county of San Francisco, and making it elective, which was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Field, the bill providing for the incorporation of Mutual Insurance companies, was made the special order for Monday next.

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were read a third time and passed:

A Bill to create the office of State Translator.

A Joint Resolution in relation to the Public Lands. A Joint Resolution in reference to the settlement of Land Titles. A bill to establish the office of Harbor-master in this State. Also, a Joint Resolution relating to the London Industrial Exhibition.

A Bill from the Senate to repeal an act creating Officers of Health for the Port and Harbor of San Francisco was read a second time and laid on the table.

The House then adjourned.

THE CHEAP POSTAGE BILL.—The cheap postage bill passed the House on the 17th Jan., by a vote of 130 to 75. The bill fixes three cents as the uniform postage for all letters of less than half an ounce in weight. Printed matter weighing two ounces to be charged one cent; newspapers to be charged half a cent for all distances within the State where published, and to be sent free under thirty miles within their respective counties. On magazines, prepaid, there is to be a reduction of 50 per cent. Bound books under thirty ounces to be considered mailable matter.

NEWSPAPER EDITING.—Hon. Mr. Palfry, who commenced editing the new Free Soil organ at Boston, broke down in two days. Like a good many others who cut a figure in this world, they find that when they come to anything so real as newspaper editing, it's no go. It is much easier for newspapers to make great men than it is for them to make newspapers.—Baltimore Sun.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Western Star—Bradstreet, V. N. Morris, R. M. Oakes, M. Andison, W. Thompson, G. Dana, and the Misses Currier.

Per Honolulu—Mrs. Bryan.

Per Vanlandia—O. Marble, M. Powers.

Per Erin's Queen—T. Jackson, T. Murphy.

Per Fortescue—Messrs. Lindo and Sandall.

Per Honolulu—Ellis and Lambert.

CONSIGNEES.

Per Huntress—O. Roach, W. F. Maine, E. D. Heister, Gilchrist, de Fremery & Co., Oregon & Lent, C. H. Munsholt, F. Russell, Orrego Bros, E. Nichol & Co., S. Collier, Cronis Bros, S. H. Peres, G. Gibb, De Boon, Vigneau & Co.

Per Flom—H. A. Morgan, D. Mallory, F. W. Everett.

Per Vanlandia—T. Page, Bacon & Maloney, Webb & Co., Trevelick, Kim & Peabody.

Per Adelaide—Alma.

Per Fortescue—F. Frank & Co., Hastler, Baines & Co., R. Davidson, R. H. Lindo, H. Joseph, G. Barnes, Fox Connor & Co., Hart Bros, & E. F. Franklin.

Per Dolores—Lakes & Co.

MARINE NEWS.

Cleared.

Ship Frances, (Br) Jones, Sydney.

Brig Susan Jane, Winder, Boston.

Brig Lovett, Lock, Trinidad.

Brig Juna, (Haw) King, Honolulu.

Sch. Mary, Dixon, Boston.

Arrived.

Ship Huntress, Corlie, 32 ds fm Valparaiso. To Sage, Smith & Co.

Ship Western Star, Knowles, 161 ds fm Boston via Valparaiso. Mds to master.

Ship Erin's Queen, (Br) Campbell, 160 ds fm Liverpool. To E. Knight.

Brig Adelaide, (Peru), Moore, 59 ds fm Hongkong. To M. Barker.

Brig Mary, Wilder, Cleveland, 55 ds fm Shanghai. To master.

Brig Fortescue, (Br) Sulpen, 184 ds fm London, via Bahia. To master.

Brig Don Quixote, (Haw), Watt, 22 ds fm Lahaina. To master.

Brig Vanlandia, (Haw), 240 ds fm Boston via Talcahuana. To master.

Sch. Honolulu, Bremen, 15 ds fm San Diego. Salmon & Ellis.

Spoken.

Per Erin's Queen—February 28, lat 34 48 N, 131 12 W, ship Neptune of N Bedford, for this port.

Per Fortescue—December 1, lat 55 45 S, 61 22 W, Br ship Ananath, of Hull, for this port.

December 16, lat 55 15 S, 79 35 W, wh ship Brilliant, of Golden Spring.

Memoranda.

Per Mary Wilder—Left at Shanghai, 31 H H Waterman, to sail for N York, in a few days. The Br ship N. York, Pollock, Ldg for London. Br ship John Bright, delivering at California. Saw brig Mary Helen, lying at anchor off Catalina.

Per Dolores—Lube brig Henrik Von Gorgen, to sail in a few days; Hm bark Susannah, sid two days before; brig Neptune, to sail January 4.

Per Vanlandia—Nor 2, off Cape Horn, fell in with wreck of sch. Maria Elliott, of Bath, Me., which had been wrecked by a sea while lying to on the 20th ult.—all hands saved. Ship Intide, sid from St Catharine for Panama, October 14.

The bark Josephine, which left port a few days ago, returned yesterday, short of water, she having been becalmed outside.

Notice.—The Democratic voters of the Third Ward are requested to meet at the Adelphi Saloon, Clay street, on SATURDAY EVENING, March 8th, at half past seven o'clock, for the election of a Ward Committee, and transaction of such other business as may come before them.

Chairman of the previous meeting.

Notice.—At a meeting of the Democratic Republicans of the Second Ward, of the City of San Francisco, held at Philip Horn's Hotel, on Tuesday evening, March 4, 1851.

Henry A. Breed, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Wm. M. Eddy and Wm. Dougherty appointed Secretaries.

The call of the meeting being read, on motion a retiring committee of three was appointed, by the Chair, to name suitable persons for a General Committee, and also for persons for a Ward Committee, who reported as follows:

General Committee.—Terrence Kelly, Wm. M. Eddy, Philip Horn.

Ward Committee.—Benj. Spragg, Nath. S. Pettit, John O. Flincy, Wm. Dougherty, and John Penson.

On motion, the proceedings of the meeting were ordered to be published in the Pacific News and True Standard.

The thanks of the meeting were tendered to Mr. P. Horn, for the use of his house.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

HENRY A. BREED, President.

Wm. M. Eddy, Secretary.

Wm. DOUGHERTY, Sec.

March 11

BUSINESS NOTICES.

SAN FRANCISCO ORPHAN ASYLUM.

On the first of February, 1851, in conformity with previous notice, published in the daily papers, a meeting of Ladies was held at the First Presbyterian Church, on Stockton street, for the purpose of organizing a society for the relief of destitute orphan and half orphan children. At that meeting a constitution was adopted, and the following Ladies elected as officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. ALBERT WILLIAMS, President.

Mrs. S. B. WILLEY, Vice President.

JESSE B. BARTLETT, Secretary.

JAMES H. WARREN, Secretary.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. R. H. Waller, Mrs. John Joyce.

Mrs. G. Wheeler, Mrs. Wm. Taylor.

Mrs. Evans Dubbs, Mrs. C. V. Gillespie.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. P. L. Ver Meir, Mrs. Alfred De Witt.

Mrs. Emory Townsend.

TRUSTEES.

Daniel L. Ross, Esq., Charles Gilman, Esq.

Stephen Franklin, Esq.

Subscriptions and donations for this worthy object are earnestly solicited, and will be received by either of the officers of the society, and also by the Clergy of the different churches. It is hoped that the Ladies of the city who have not yet joined the association will do so and aid in the good work.

Art. 3. of the Constitution. Membership in this Association may be constituted by the annual payment of five dollars, and an Honorary Membership by the annual payment of twenty dollars, and subscribers by the payment of five dollars.

When a sufficient sum is collected, which the Board of Managers trust will be accomplished at an early day, a suitable building and grounds will be purchased or leased for the home of the orphan. Members and others friendly to the association are invited to attend the meetings of the Board of Managers, on the first and third Monday of every month at half-past ten o'clock, at Mrs. Bartlett's in Stockton street.

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NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!!

BONESTELL & WILLISTON, POST OFFICE PLAZA.

Have just received per Tennessee—

Henry Smeaton, by James.

The Black Tulip, by Dumas.

Josephine; or, the Edict and Escape, Lord and Lady Harcourt.

Paul Deverell, by Ingraham.

The Duchess; or, Woman's Love and Woman's Hate Home Influence.

Self Deception; or, the History of a Human Heart, by Mrs. Ellis.

Bell Brandon and the Fig tree, a prize story.

Reveries of an Old Maid; or, Hints to Young Men, by Thackeray, &c., &c., &c.

ALSO—

LONDON ILLUSTRATED NEWS, PUNCH, and all the principal Foreign and American papers. For sale by

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. mar5

Attention, Firemen!—The Monumental Fire Co's alarm bell being now in ringing order, we wish to give notice to all firemen that the bell will be rung hereafter only to sound the alarm of fire.

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